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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the BKV Wildlife Fencing and Gate Management project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hernando County, Florida, located at 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, FL 34604. The funding would be used for the Brooksville (BKV) Airport Control and Security Improvements. BKV Airport has seen a doubling of air traffic over the last ten years, straining the aging infrastructure, including security/access to the infield. The deteriorating system is causing frequent gate outages, leaving gates open and allowing access for various wildlife species, particularly deer and coyotes. The project will include environmental, design, engineering, procurement, and construction of 8ft. wildlife fencing including three strands of barbed wire with four-foot skirt, replacement of 10 airfield access gates and controllers, and proximity card access systems for each gate to be integrated into existing county systems.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress